

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
4201 East Arkansas Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80222
(303) 757-9011



DATE: July 18, 2012

TO: Transit and Intermodal Committee Members

FROM: Mark Imhoff, Director, Division of Transit and Rail
Ann Rajewski, TRAC Chairwoman

SUBJECT: Transit Guiding Principle Recommendations

The Division of Transit and Rail is in the early stages of developing CDOT's first Statewide Transit Plan. This Plan will be a key component of the long-range Statewide Transportation Plan, also under development. DTR in partnership with TRAC is proposing guiding principles to guide the development of the Statewide Transit Plan. TRAC collaborated on the development and is recommending the principles included below. Ultimately, the goal is to develop CDOT transit policy for Transportation Commission adoption. The draft transit guiding principles were presented to the Senior Management Team on June 25th and STAC on July 13th.

Safety and Accessibility

- When planning and designing improvements to the statewide transportation system, CDOT will consider the current and future multimodal needs and safety of all users, including elderly, disabled, veteran, student, low-income, and minority populations as well as those who choose not to drive. When implementing transportation system improvements, CDOT will provide safe access and better modal interface to transportation facilities and services for all users.

Modality

- When planning and designing for system maintenance, enhancement and expansion, CDOT will consider all modes of personal transportation including (but not limited to) automobiles, buses, trains, pedestrians and bicycles. Considerations will include system capacity, transit ridership, capital and operational costs, land-use, and traveler information. CDOT will facilitate increased modal options for all transportation system users, including non-automobile travelers.

System and Service Preservation

- CDOT will consider the role of transit in expanding system capacity and extending the useful life of existing transportation facilities, networks and right-of-way. CDOT will strive, through partnerships with transit providers, for a state of good repair for transit fleets, facilities, technology and current service levels.

Transit Connectivity and Expansion

- CDOT will promote transit connectivity into and between economic, educational, residential, business, tourist and recreational hubs for all transportation system users, including non-automobile travelers. CDOT will support and enhance intermodal mobility by linking networks of local, regional and interstate transportation (air, rail, bus) services.

Relationships with Local Entities

- CDOT will work with local agencies and other stakeholders in a spirit of partnership, while maintaining required state and federal oversight. CDOT will support best practices and local decision-making and act as a technical resource for local agencies. CDOT will support business processes for efficient and effective customer service.

State and Federal Presence and Advocacy

- CDOT will advocate for state and federal support of Colorado transit, including sound and effective transit policy and sufficient, sustainable and reliable funding. CDOT will actively pursue federal funding for transit, including applying for competitive grants, partnering with other entities on transit funding from non-DOT sources, and supporting appropriations that bring new dollars to Colorado.